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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>MED-02702/29</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Masini</b>					
Serial No. <b>09/523,503</b>	Filing Date <b>March 10, 2000</b>	Examiner <b>E. Robert</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3732</b> <div style="text-align: right; transform: rotate(45deg); font-weight: bold;">RECEIVED JAN 22 2002 3706 MAIL ROOM</div>		
Invention: <b>OPTIMIZING SCAPULAR FEMORAL MECHANICS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE DEPTH</b> REFERENCING					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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INDEP. CLAIMS	5 -	5 =	0 x	\$42.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2001, please amend the above-referenced  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please replace current claim 12 with the following:*

12. (Amended) Apparatus for resecting a distal femur having prominent and non-prominent  
condyles separated by a trochlear region, comprising:

a fixture including a movable member which references one of a non-prominent condyle or  
trochlear region; and

a cutting guide to resect the femur in accordance with the reference made using the fixture.

*[Please replace current claim 13 with the following:]*

13. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the fixture further includes:

an intramedullary rod; and